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## Monterey Bar, Culinary Backs Convention Body

Steps were taken last week by officials of Monterey Hotel & Restaurant and Bartenders Union 483 to assist the Monterey Convention Bureau in attracting more conventions to Monterey.

Louis Gold, president of Local 483, was a speaker at the Kiwanis Club meeting, outlining the union's program for bringing conventions to the area.

Gold and Secretary Robert Harrington of Local 384 have offered full support to the convention plan and the union has voted official backing to the convention bureau.

The union officials explained that all major hotels and restaurants of the Monterey area are under union contract and that the cities on the Monterey Peninsula—Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove—can offer union services for any and all conventions which are seeking a good location.

Co-operation of all unions with the convention plan is being sought inasmuch as attraction of convention delegates to the area is an attraction of added business, more work, and increased income and profits for union people and businessmen alike, it was pointed out.

Local 483 recently completed its contracts with the hotel and restaurant industries, the agreements running into 1958 and providing a satisfactory health and welfare plan for union workers. Independents are signing similar contracts, the union reported.

Gold said trustees for the new health plan will meet shortly to begin work on details of the plan so that benefits will be started at an early date.

## BTC Meet Routine

Only routine business matters, plus interesting union reports, are reported from the last Salinas meeting of the Monterey County Building Trades Council. Salinas meetings are held at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St. Council Secretary Dial H. Miles, said two new delegates were accepted, Carl Jones of Salinas Laborers Union 272, and William Clevenger, of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243.

## CARPENTERS, PLEASE NOTE

Members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 were asked last week by Business Agent Harvey B. Baldwin to note the following portions of the constitution of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters:

Section 45 (A), on Page 38 of the international constitution, reads in part:

"A member who owes the Local Union two months' dues shall be notified by mail at the last known address by the Financial Secretary during the third month of said delinquency . . . (and) . . . if said arrearages are not paid before the LAST DAY OF THE THIRD MONTH, the member will be suspended from benefits of death and disability donation. . . . A MEMBER IN ARREARS MUST SQUARE UP ALL ARREARAGES IN FULL WITHIN ONE YEAR or stand suspended."

Baldwin said there has been some question as to whether a member may pay one month's dues and regain full standing, although two months behind in dues. The constitutional provision is that ALL arrearages must be paid. Members with questions may contact their business agent or the union office for explanation.

## Work on Schools Aids Laborers

Work starting on two schools in the area promises to give some relief to the continued unemployment existing in Laborers Union 690, officials of the union announced last week.

The San Jose contracting firm of Karstedt & Sons is beginning the razing of the Walter Colton School, in downtown Monterey, clearing away buildings badly damaged by two major fires a year ago to make room for new construction to come later.

Contractor Harold C. Geyer of Monterey, is pressing work on the Tularcitos School in the Carmel Valley, calling for union laborers.

The heavy run of beef cattle to markets which usually takes place in the fall months appears to be earlier this year because of drouth in range areas.

## Salinas Plumbers End Their Strike

Settlement of the prolonged strike of plumbers in the Salinas area came last Wednesday night, following a meeting of contractors and union officials.

Union plumbers reported for work on Thursday and all jobs were returning to normal by Friday.

Details of the strike settlement were not reported in full. However, it was announced that the settlement was "satisfactory" to both the union and the contractors. Union officials unofficially said Plumbers Union 503 had won its objectives, but declined to elaborate on that statement.

The strike and picketing of construction projects had resulted in considerable unemployment for laborers, carpenters and other tradesmen for the past few weeks. No estimate of the number of men idled by the dispute was reported.

## Four Canneries Continue Work

Monterey's Cannery Row may not have scratched the surface of activity which attracted world-wide attention to Monterey a dozen years ago, but processing of local and shipped-in catches this year has been best of the past two seasons, officials of the Fish Cannery Workers Union said.

Four canneries have been busy, a couple of them with two shifts, working on mackerel, anchovies and sardines trucked here from southern ports. Indications are that a fifth cannery may open shortly and provide added employment for fish cannery workers, it was reported.

State Fish and Game Commission reports that sardines have not returned to California waters, published late last month, have been questioned with the southern fishing boats continuing to bring in small, but steady, catches. Some sardines were caught locally along with a good catch of mackerel recently.

## Safe Position

Washington (PAI)—Many U.S. workers took it pretty hard here when President Eisenhower vetoed their pay increase. Membership in government workers' unions spurted.

One group was moaning their fate when a civil servant made this observation: "Eisenhower sure put his military training to work. He beat a strategic retreat from Washington to Denver before telling us he wasn't going to give us the raise."

## PACKINGHOUSE RAISE

Eau Claire, Wisc. (PAI) — Following a three-day strike against the Chippewa Rendering Co., Local 119 of the Packinghouse Workers have won a 10-cent wage increase. Other benefits include paid sick leaves, better vacations and stronger seniority.

## Red Ink Business Should Be Booming

The Government went into the red \$300 million more in July 1954 than it did in July 1953, the Treasury Department announced.

Expenditures last month totaled \$4.8 billion, while income amounted to \$2.8 billion, leaving a deficit of \$2 billion.

In July a year ago, outgo was \$5.1 billion, revenue \$3.4 billion, and the deficit \$1.7 billion.

## Congressmen Now Have to Face Voters

Washington — Congressmen forgot legislation today and turned their eyes homeward for one of the most crucial and perhaps bitterest off-year elections in recent years.

Both parties left Washington well armed with campaign material in the form of appraisals of the record of the 83rd Congress and the actions of the Eisenhower Administration.

President Eisenhower led off the Republican "pitchmen" last week in Springfield, Ill., when he plugged for "more" Republicans in Washington.

The campaign is especially critical from the standpoint of both parties because of the thin majorities held by the Republicans in both the House and Senate. Republicans hold the House 218 to 213. The Senate lines up with 48 Republicans, 47 Democrats and one Independent.

McCarthyism is also certain to play an important role in some states. While the President has voiced hope that this issue would pass unnoticed in the fall campaigning his personal failure to take a stand on the controversial senator from Wisconsin is certain to be questioned in some areas.

One of the key congressional fights will be carried on in Illinois where incumbent Sen. Paul Douglas will buck Joseph Meek, a Republican with Presidential approval even though he has expressed violent opposition to the President's programs.

DEMOS TO TAKE HOUSE For whatever it's worth, at this point the general political consensus is that the Republicans will win the Senate and the Democrats will take over control of the House.

Key battles for Senate control will be fought in Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio and Colorado in addition to Illinois.

Minnesota's New Dealer Senator Hubert Humphrey is a prime target of the Republicans as is Ohio's Senator Tom Burke.

Humphrey was a leader in the fight against the Tidelands Oil Bill and the Atomic Energy Bill as well as other administration proposals to benefit big business at the expense of the general public.

Humphrey's consistent liberal record has made him high on the Republican list of congressmen who must be defeated.

In New Mexico the Republicans will attempt to get the Senate seat of Clinton P. Anderson and in Colorado the plans of Sen. Edward Johnson to vacate his Senate seat in favor of running for governor left a wide-open field. The Republicans will place their hopes on Lt. Gov. Gordon Allott while the Democrats will make a choice September 14 in a primary election.

## Business Failures Show Sharp Hike

NEW YORK—Business failures for the week ending Aug. 19 were up sharply from the preceding week, according to Dun & Bradstreet.

The report showed business casualties at 246 for the week compared with 233 the week before. In the corresponding period in 1953 failures totaled only 122.

Manufacturing, wholesaling and commercial service accounted for the upturn, with the sharpest rise in wholesaling, where failures climbed to 31 from the previous week level of 17.

On Feb. 18, 1898, the U.S. Army established a safety zone in Alaska to protect life and property during the Gold Rush.

## DEATH TAKES TWO SALINAS CARPENTERS

Two members of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas passed away last week, one an infantile paralysis victim and the other killed by a fall on the job, Union Business Agent Harvey B. Baldwin reported.

Harry Logue Jr., 33, member of Local 925 since released from service in 1947 and an employee of Wiley Joos, flooring contractor, died in the Shrine Hospital in San Francisco, where he had been taken for therapy after an attack of polio last Aug. 7.

Bro. Logue leaves his wife and two children. His father was a union carpenter here for some time and now lives in Long Beach. Bro. Logue had been active in community and civic affairs in Salinas.

The other carpenter who died was Clarence Hawkins, 60, who fell on a concrete floor while working on a residence construction project in Monterey Park, Baldwin said.

Bro. Hawkins never regained consciousness after his fall and details are not known. He had been widely active in the Carpenters Union, a member since 1939.

## EIDE PRAISES JOE CAMBIANO

Words of praise for Joseph F. Cambiano, newly appointed as general executive board member for the international carpenters' union, were issued last week by Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, who asked that this message be printed for information of union carpenters:

"It has just come to my attention that Joseph Cambiano from San Mateo, our International Representative for California, was appointed to the General Executive Board of the Brotherhood in July, 1954, to fill the office vacated by Abe Muir, who passed away last Spring.

"Mr. Cambiano is also the President of the State Council of Carpenters, and a very good friend of both labor and management. He is very well known in California, and has served as President of the State Council of Carpenters for over 25 years. Good luck to you Joe, you surely deserve it."

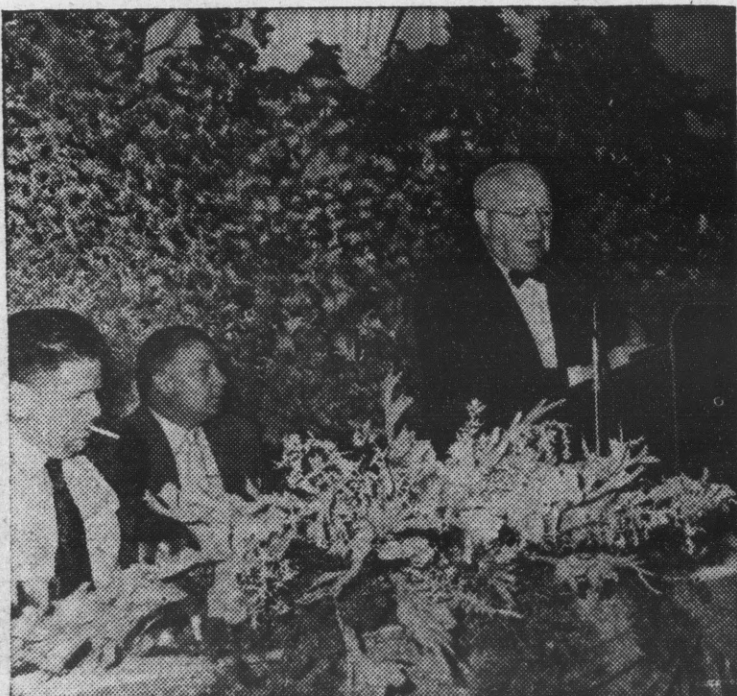
TOM EIDE, Bus. Rep.  
Carpenters' Local 1323  
Monterey, California

## Clerk Vacations

Alfred J. Clark, secretary-treasurer of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas, and also secretary-treasurer of Salinas Culinary-Bartenders Union 355, was to leave last weekend for a short vacation, returning around Sept. 20. Clark said he was "seeking a good place to rest" after attending two conventions last week, but declined to say where he was going for the vacation.

Cast Your Vote Nov. 2!

## Gray Honored at Dinner



Richard J. Gray, president of the AFL Building Trades Dept., is shown speaking during a testimonial dinner in his honor in Albany recently. On left is Labor Secy. James Mitchell, and in center is Joseph Cerrutti, president of Albany Central Labor Council. Dinner honored Gray's 50 years as member of Bricklayers Local 6.





THEY ALL HAD A PICNIC — It was hot dog-with-mustard time in Oak Park, Stockton, recently when the old age pensioners in San Joaquin Valley gathered for a picnic to mix business with pleasure. Following lunch they heard George McLain (2nd from left) urge a "yes" vote on Prop. No. 4 on

Nov. 2, to help the needy aged. Other picnickers were, from left: Stockton Mayor H. M. Stull, Alan Short, Democrat candidate for State Senator; Carl Sugar, Democrat for U.S. Congress, and in front, Sugar's son, Phillip.

## AFL SECTY. BLASTS IKE LABOR VIEWS

Santa Barbara, Calif. — High-powered political hucksters now combing the country with campaign speeches will have a hard time convincing workers that the Eisenhower Administration is prolabor because it just isn't so, AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler declared here.

Addressing the convention of the California State Federation of Labor, Schnitzler said that Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell will have a much more difficult chore than other Cabinet members who "have hit the sawdust trail."

### MITCHELL'S JOB TOUGH

"The Secretary of Commerce, for example has it soft," Schnitzler pointed out. "All he has to do is to convince the NAM, the Chamber of Commerce and other labor-hating employer groups that the Administration is sufficiently pro-employer to justify a new lease upon their moneybags for campaign purposes."

"The Secretaries of the Treasury and Interior should find it easy to do the same with the banking fraternity, the mine owners and the private power lobby, for they have been rewarded for their support."

"The Secretary of Agriculture has a tougher job. He must somehow convince the farmer that it is really fun to be flexed—and so good for that moral fiber."

"But the Secretary of Labor has drawn the most difficult assignment of all. It is his official duty to try to persuade the working people of America that this Administration is really, away deep down in its heart, altogether prolabor."

"Secretary Mitchell is an honest man, he is a man of many talents—but I fear his present assignment will tax his ingenuity."

The AFL leader spoke only a few hours after Mitchell had addressed the same convention.

### ASSAULT ON SENSES

Schnitzler called the political propaganda being directed toward labor in the current congressional campaign an "assault upon our good sense." He continued:

"There is only one way to protect the integrity of our ballots. We must learn to discount the smiles, the slogans, the handshakes, the alibis and the glamor. The record of past performance is the only reliable guide."

"If your Congressman or Senators voted to defend your interests as a citizen, as a worker, as a parent and as a taxpayer, he has earned your support. If he voted against those interests, he has earned a return to private life."

"The workers of America want to go forward to a better life. They will not rest content with second-best. They want better homes to live in, better schools for their children, better medical care for their families, a higher minimum wage for their poor, more job opportuni-

ties and better protection against unemployment.

### DEMAND EVEN BREAK

"They demand fair play and an even break in their relations with their employers. All of these things have been denied them by the present Administration. How are we then to believe that this Administration is prolabor?"

"And what, exactly, does the Secretary of Labor mean, on the eve of Congressional elections, when he asks us to believe this? Does he mean that we should, therefore, go to the polls and vote for a Congressman or a Senator who voted against those measures which labor supports and for those measures which labor opposes, merely on the strength of the president's party-line endorsements?"

"If he does mean this, then he is seeking to lure us to our political destruction."

## Cost-of-Living Continues Slow Rise

Washington. (PAI)—The cost-of-living continued its slow but steady rise as the Dept. of Labor reports that the Consumer Price Index in American cities was 0.1 per cent higher in July than June.

The biggest increase was in the area which hits the workingman the hardest, food prices. These increased 0.7 per cent. Indexes for housing, medical care, personal care and reading and recreation also rose slightly during the month. These increases were offset, in part, by a 1.7 per cent decrease in transportation and a drop of 0.2 per cent in apparel prices.

The new increase continues a small but steady climb of 0.1 per cent each month for the last three months. It marks a definite reversal of a trend announced by Pres. Eisenhower last October that the cost of living was flattening out. The higher cost of living brings a one-cent an hour increase to one million auto workers, railroad workers and millions of other workers whose union contracts included escalator clauses.

In Detroit, CIO President Walter Reuther, whose Auto Workers were among those with escalator clauses in their contracts, blasted the cost-of-living rise; "This merely enables these workers to keep up with mounting living costs. No amount of slick slogans or pious political platitudes can effectively camouflage the tragic results of the Republican Administration aiding big business at the expense of the great majority of the American people."

## Appetite Teasers★

### SCALLOPED HAM WITH NOODLES

3 tablespoons fat  
3 tablespoons flour  
3 cups milk  
2 cups cooked noodles  
3 cups ground cooked ham or shoulder

1 cup fine bread crumbs  
Make thin white sauce of the fat, flour, and milk. Add salt to taste. Make alternate layers of noodles and meat in a shallow baking dish, pour on the white sauce, sprinkle bread crumbs over the top, and bake about 20 minutes in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.).

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### CREAMED DRIED BEEF WITH WAFFLES OR TOAST

¼ pound thinly sliced dried beef  
3 tablespoons fat  
3 tablespoons flour  
3 cups milk

Waffles or toast  
Separate the beef into fairly small pieces and fry in the fat until the meat curls slightly or is crisp. Sprinkle the flour over the meat, gradually add the cold milk, white heating slowly and stirring constantly until smooth and thickened. Serve hot on waffles or crisp toast.

## Congress Passes Atom Energy Bill

Washington. — Congress passed and sent to the White House an atomic energy bill designed to let private firms play a greater role in nuclear energy development. The measure also carries authority for the President to share atomic knowledge and some fissionable material with friendly nations for peacetime uses.

The House yielded to the insistence of the Senate that private firms be compelled to share peacetime atomic patents for five years and that preference be given to rural electric cooperatives in the use of public atomic power.

In its final form, the bill repudiated the President's wishes and upheld the views of the Senate's liberal contingent who conducted a two-week fight against the original bill as a "give-away" of electric energy generated from atomic reactors to private utility interests.

Amendments to safeguard against monopoly and to protect municipal and cooperative power facilities were adopted by the Senate as a result of this fight. The House, responding to Administration pressure, voted them down. The joint conference report leaned more to the House version of the legislation.

This caused a Senate rebellion which resulted in recommitment of the report to the conference committee. Then, a second conference report was adopted which conformed more closely to the Senate's views and it was adopted by both houses.

# Retired Folk Now Finds Happiness In Music World

New York — Now that elderly people retire instead of working until they fall dead over their looms or benches or furrows — what do they do with the left-over time at the farther end of a life span?

There are many answers. But some of them make with music. Gussie's case illustrates the point.

Her family grown and her duties at home cut in half — Gussie began spending her afternoons at the Sirovitch Day Center in New York City where elderly people gather from all over the city for companionship.

Gussie's interest in the Day Center orchestra prompted the director's invitation for her to play. Now as she plays the simple score for the triangle, she's as proud as any skilled philharmonic violinist.

Music has found a special place for her in its vast and varied family of melody.

Gussie is typical of thousands of amateur instrumentalists all over the country who are gathering in hundreds of neighborhood groups to make music just for the fun of it, in community bands, orchestras and ensembles.

### PLAYING TOGETHER BETTER

The 27,000,000 instrumentalists in this country are finding that the joys of making their own music are enhanced when they play together. These tooting, strumming hobbyists are the backbone of more than 1,200 community bands and 1,000 amateur civic orchestras, as well as thousands of small ensembles.

Music leaders are discovering hundreds of people who've stored away their music waiting for an opportunity "some day." They're finding hundreds more who have wanted music all their lives but never had the chance.

Establishing the opportunity for neighborhood musicians to make their own music opens doors to music for the whole town or community.

It's no great cultural awakening that is behind this phenomenal growth of music in the American community. Americans are discovering that making music is just plain fun. It's a kind of fun that is a challenge; it's relaxing; it gives the individual his own kind of expression in a new kind of language.

Mrs. Harold H. Bennett of Scarsdale, New York, orchestra manager of the successful Westchester Community Symphony, explains: "A symphony orchestra may be the pride of a community, but it should also be an integral part of the life that goes on in the area it serves."

The main purpose of many instrumental groups is providing a challenging interest for their members. Typical of such a group is the "Over-60 Symphony" of the Sirovitch Day Center.

### MUST BE 60 YEARS OLD

This exclusive symphonic group has only one restriction—members must be over 60 years old. Although the group has several very skilled

musicians, it also has several symphonists who had never played an instrument before.

Ernest Hagen, music director of the Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, leads Iowans from 14 communities in the Wartburg Community Symphony Orchestra. He feels: "Much of the vigor of our group comes from the divergence of occupations of our members."

More interested in marching is the community band at Kiel, Wis., where 40 town musicians meet twice a week for practice. Edgar Thiessen, instructor of music at nearby New Holstein, says he has no trouble maintaining the membership of his group although the town has a total population of only 2,129.

"In Kiel, if you play anything you just naturally get in the band!"

## UNION SHOP MORALLY SOUND, SAYS PRELATE

The morality of the union shop "has hardly ever been questioned by competent spokesmen for the Catholic point of view."

So stated Msgr. George Higgins, assistant director of the social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in his weekly column, "The Yardstick."

"American theologians and American Catholic experts in the field of labor relations are almost unanimously agreed that the union shop is morally legitimate," Higgins wrote.

He quoted Father Jerome Toner of St. Martin's College, Olympia, Wash., as writing:

"The teachings of the Popes and their interpretation and application for American industry by the Archbishops and Bishops lend substantial, although not specific, endorsement to the closed shop."

"No where is it named as an evil to be condemned. It receives indirect approval of the papal idealization of the ancient guilds which were voluntary or free associations in respect to membership—that is, they were 'open' so that a worker was free to join or not to join—but compulsory or 'closed' in regard to trade or craft; that is, no one who was not a member of the guild could work at a trade or craft."

On April 3, 1882, a lieutenant and sergeant of the U.S. Army explored the north coast of Greenland with a team of eight sled dogs.



HAPPY, HUMANITARIAN AFL building tradesmen, typical of the generosity shown by AFL members every day across the land in public gestures, is this turn-out of Oakland tradesmen, who in one day built a fine new home for Bob Kennemore, legless Korean vet, and his wife and five children. Mostly Carpenters in this picture, but all other crafts turned out, including Oakland Mayor Cliff Rishell (center, checkered shirt), who is an AFL Painter.



# LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

Work for laborers and hod carriers should pick up now — if the "big boys" are right. They have continuously insisted that the plumbers' strike caused great unemployment. Now that the plumbers and contractors have come to an agreement, our people should become employed again very shortly, and our conditions should return to normal.

At this time I would like to state that many of our members were real Union Men during the plumbers' fight. The ones who were not so good were those who did not take the time or effort to inform themselves of what was transpiring. We should at all times procure information in these situations before we start spouting off about conditions which result. On many occasions some things may be said which would not be said by really good union people.

I bring this matter up because it might have been our union involved in the dispute, and we would not like to have other union men decide whether we were right or wrong. Remember at all times if we hang together we're hard to beat — but if we are divided in thoughts and efforts, we are easy targets for anti-union interest — we're like sitting ducks on the pond during the hunting season.

The proposed new Highway 101 Freeway at Gonzales will make a wide loop starting on the south side of Gonzales cemetery, bypassing the town on the east side within a few hundred feet of the new housing development east of the high school. It swings in and connects with the original right-of-way where the four lanes now end, north of town.

Soledad also will be by-passed, the new route taking off at the Bussetti house, south of town, and staying west of the railroad tracks. A new underpass will connect the new freeway at the north of the city with the existing right-of-way.

No alternate routes have been submitted so these seem to be the only feasible routes to be considered by the state highway department. There will be a public hearing before the final plans are adopted.

The City of Soledad will call for bids for street work in the Walker-Genser tract and the Scattini subdivision. Estimated cost by the engineers is about \$8000. The Walker tract will need a lot of work to bring the street to grade.

Much has been said about the housing projects at Soledad. Seven Smith houses are near completion and commitments are expected for several more. Reid Nielsen, of Campbell, hasn't started work as yet on the Westcott property.

Gonzales, Soledad and the mission people were to go to the polls to vote on three propositions: 1. To bond the district to secure funds to stabilize all buildings; 2. To increase the tax rate to raise necessary funds, and 3. To abandon the buildings entirely.

Trustees asked a "no" vote on all issues, supposedly because it would relieve them of personal liability in even of an earthquake, thus leaving the district as a whole liable. The high school gym has been closed to all events. The trustees want to open the gym, but don't want any liability on themselves, we understand. A new gym is planned next year.

The Monterey County Fair at Monterey broke all attendance records. The horse show was completely sold out Saturday night and Sunday. Weather was the best I ever have had the pleasure to work in. (No investigation needed — my services were free!)

"Wild Bill" Elliot again pulled a feat which brought tears to the eyes of many spectators. A beautiful young miss from the Peninsula had wished to meet the actor. He rode into the show ring on his top cutting horse, picked up the little girl, placed her on his horse and gave her a ride. The payoff came when Bill placed his own hat on her head, escorted her back to her box, and rode away bareheaded. If there were more like Bill Elliot, this would be a much nicer world to live in.

I note that the Labor News mentioned the Santa Clara County Fair, which is Sept. 13-19. We hope our neighbors and friends have as successful a fair as we had. Weather helped us, and we wish them the same. If the union people here like fairs and horse racing, I know of no better place to spend a bob. Parking facilities and the fair grounds are second to none — try the Santa Clara County Fair, which is just off the Monterey highway south of San Jose (the old highway, not the by-pass freeway). We had many entries in Monterey from the San Jose area — let's join their fair now.

On many occasions members have asked if they must keep their dues up when they are drawing social security benefits and still working part time (up to \$75 a month). The answer is simple — you must belong to the union to work on construction, and you have to pay dues to belong to the union.

Contractor G. W. Davis of Watsonville has changed his address from 506 Center St. to 2600 East Lake Ave. in that city. He seems destined to go far and has our good wishes.

**JOB REPORT:** Santa Rita school rapidly nearing completion, although the plumber dispute delayed plastering and painting. Gabilan school is nearly finished also. Pedigrew Building in Castroville being washed down by Raydon Powell. Stern & Price started more houses in Laurel Park. Granite Construction Co. putting in curbs and gutters in Fairview Park and Sherwood Park. Donahue has numerous jobs, also Butler & Fox, jobs of varying size and nature. Catholic church at San Ardo started by Davidson & Son, of Santa Barbara, block work by William Redding, using Chamco Block.

We have been led to believe that the "suede shoe" boys all were put away. Not true — we at the Labor Temple know differently. One of the business agents came to work recently, blue suede shoes, light colored pants, blue belt and blue shirt. Sharp — for a contest for best dressed B.A. He'd win hands down. Nope — it wasn't your own union agent, nor the BTC agent — if you haven't guessed, it was that likeable MG jockey.

One of the better known union agents in the Labor Temple set his watch to fit the occasion one day last week. A member called his home, and was told that the B.A. was shaving — was told that the B.A. would be on the job at 8, that it was only 7:30. Someone checked the time, and it already was 8:35. (When does daylight saving time end?) Guess Mr. G. will have to take his electric clock to a union repair shop now.

Sal Cerna's son, age 5, had his tonsils removed — with the Granite gang pulling for the boy, it was a cinch. He's doing nicely.

Jack Porter was injured in a car mishap and isn't able to work for a while. Hurry up, Jack — get back to wheeling that mud.

Happy birthdays are in order for these good members: Stephen Chavoya, H. A. Ball, Delmar O. Fields, Joe Franchini, Herman L. Holtzclaw, Clyde McMillan, Herman Pena, Other Stockton, H. E. Tuttle. Special note about H. E. Tuttle. He was initiated into the union in 1936 and has been a member of many unions through the years. Many members know him better as Burt, or Whitey, the man with the tattoos. He's a good Hoddie or Laborer, and at this time Tuttle's dues are paid through the month of February, 1955. We never know when he'll come in with \$20 and say he doesn't want to get behind with his dues. Let's all join in a wish for a happy birthday for Burt



## Boat Safety Rules

Sacramento. — Don't rock the boat! Don't stand up in it, either, unless you want to make a splash in the headlines as another vacation casualty.

And take your boots or waders off. You won't need them for walking on the bottom, and that's where they'll probably drag for you if you fall overboard wearing such cumbersome gear.

These are some of the warnings the California Department of Fish and Game is issuing for anglers and others who may be having their first try at boating on lakes and ocean waters this year.

A cardinal rule, the Department points out, is "Don't overload." Small boats are particularly unwieldy when carrying too much weight. Even in calm water, three persons constitute a full passenger list for any boat under 14 feet in length.

Avoid swift water, riffles, and whirlpool areas. Stay away from dams, pilings, and large rocks and trees. A boat jammed against an obstruction is unmanageable in a current, and almost bound to capsize. On the ocean, stay away from the breaker line.

Always have a lifejacket, and put it on before you get into the boat.

Head for shore immediately if a storm threatens or the wind comes up. If you get caught, run your motor at slow speed and angle across the waves. Sit out the storm in the bottom of the boat, for greater stability.

Boating casualties, like hunting casualties, stem from two main causes — ignorance and carelessness. If you know what you're doing and are careful, the Department says, you can be sure of a safe boating experience.

## Course to Aid Building Of White Collar Unions

Bronxville, N.Y. (ILNS) — A 2-weeks course in building white-collar unions and related problems is scheduled on the campus of Sarah Lawrence College here beginning July 10. The annual white collar workshop for active unionists in the field is sponsored by the American Labor Educational Service, from whom further information can be obtained at 1776 Broadway, New York City.

The course, led by instructors familiar with trade union activities, includes "how-to-do-it" sessions and round-table discussions, with time for recreation. The problem of unemployment and current threats to civil service are among subjects.

Chimpanzees are generally regarded as the smartest of the apes, says the National Geographic Society. They can master simple arithmetic, apparently recognize photographs of themselves, and can learn table manners including use of cup and saucer, knife and fork.

Tuttle, as well as for all members with birthdays this month.

This is a new month — may it be a better month than the last. YOUR NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, SEPT. 13, IN SALINAS. Remember — always demand union wages and union labels on things you buy — help the other fellows and you help yourself. AMIGOS TODAS.

# Nevada "Right to Work" Law Up for Vote Again Nov. 2

Nevada citizens will have another go at the highly controversial "right to work" law at the Nov. 2 general election when they will vote on an initiative seeking to repeal the law.

Secy. of State John Koontz announced on August 20 that an initiative, Proposition No. 1, has been certified for the November 2 election, seeking outright repeal of the law.

The measure was approved as an initiative by just over 1,000 votes in the 1952 general election. It bans closed shop labor agreements, secondary boycotts, and jurisdictional strikes.

All labor in Nevada is fighting against this vicious law and urging a "yes" vote on Proposition No. 1.

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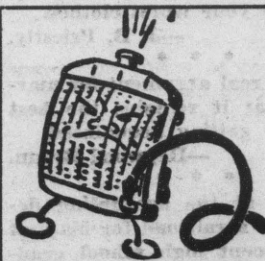
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## CHANGES IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

We'll be receiving thousands of questions about Social Security because of the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act, signed September 1, 1954 by President Eisenhower. However, many people with questions won't visit the District Office, so we are going to answer some of those unasked questions in this series of articles.

It is difficult to realize that so many people know so little about something that is as important to them as their Social Security. But we find that this is true in many cases. Common sense tells us the importance of translating the technicalities of the Social Security law and its changes into the thought and life of the American people.

In this series of articles on the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program, we shall describe the recent changes in the Social Security Law as they will directly affect all members. We do this with the sincere hope that you will gain a more complete understanding of your Social Security and its effects on you and your family.

When Congress proposed and enacted the new amendments, it did so with its main view towards bringing Social Security insurance benefits better in line with current earning levels and living costs. And just as important are the parts of law which extend the coverage of Social Security to more people, and in this way make benefits available to more workers in their retirement and to their families when they die.

To accomplish this end, changes in the law had to have two objectives. First, Social Security protection had to be extended to more types of jobs so that a greater number of people could participate and through their contributions qualify for Social Security benefits. This was written into the new law, and now nearly nine out of ten workers are included under the program. And of about 63 million jobs in the nation and abroad, over 55 million are now covered by Social Security.

The second objective was that of giving increased benefits to those already receiving old-age and survivors insurance payments as well as to those who will be getting them in the future. **FOR THOSE ALREADY RECEIVING MONTHLY INSURANCE PAYMENTS, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO REQUEST THESE INCREASES BECAUSE THEY WILL BE AUTOMATIC AND WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE CHECKS MAILED OUT EARLY IN OCTOBER.** Three important points under the increased benefits are the increase in the amount of wages which will be counted for Social Security purposes; a drop-out of low or no earnings years; and a revised formula for computing benefit amounts. Another important provision in the new is the protection of insured status and benefit amounts for those who are totally disabled.

This may be a good place to point out that old-age and survivors benefits are payable only to persons who have worked a specified length of time in employment covered by Social Security and to the qualified dependents of such workers. Social Security benefits are paid out of a trust fund built up entirely from the contributions of covered employees and their employers, plus accumulated interest. Thus the financing of the system is completely self-supporting.

In this article, we have sketched the full scope of the Social Security Law as a huge picture. Next week, we shall write about just one phase of the new amendments to the law.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone: CYpress 2-2450.

## Making Ends Meet

## Don't Load Your Shelves With too Many Detergents

By NANCY PRATT

How many and what types of cleaning products must you really have to satisfy household needs? Advertisements for the wide variety of specialized products imply that you should have a different one for each household job. Housewives who follow such ads tend to load their kitchen shelves with a myriad of preparations they rarely use but which drain off sizable sums from the household budget.

Regular household tasks require little more than all-purpose soap or detergent powder, scouring powder, a bleach or ammonia, and a bar of soap. There is generally not very much difference in quality among different advertised brands. Often it pays to select the private brands of large retailers rather than famous names.

Many brand-name cleaning products are ordinary staples you can buy separately in drug or hardware stores at half the price. For example, bleaches are basically a 5 or 6 percent solution of sodium hypochlorite.

Ammonia is another basic cleaning product that can be bought concentrated in a drugstore and diluted with water to give you es-

entially the same product at a fraction of the cost of advertised household ammonias.

For economy it's best to stick to one brand of each type of cleanser. The advantage is that, if you use enough of the product to buy in large quantities, you can get substantial reductions in many stores, particularly co-ops. If you don't have the storage facilities for bulk buying, you can still save money by selecting the larger sizes.

Whether you prefer soap powder or detergent is largely a matter of personal preference. With very hard water detergents do have the advantage of not forming curds in the water, eliminating the need for a special water softener. However, in most other respects plain soap works at least as well.

All-purpose detergents, sometimes known as "heavy" or "built" detergents, have had borax or washing soda added to make them more effective for washing cottons and heavily soiled work clothes. The so-called "light" detergents, advertised for rayons, delicate colors, and fine fabrics, were found in tests to have little advantage over the all-purpose products.

You lose money on a detergent if you use too much of it. Consumers who are accustomed to lots of soap suds generally put too much detergent in the water. Suds are no indication of washing action so be careful to use only as directed. In fact, an over-amount of detergent can actually cut down effectiveness of the wash.

With bar soap, remember that it lasts longer if it has a chance to dry out. If you buy wrapped soaps, unwrap them for storage. Milled soaps which are pressed into shape are generally your best value. You can recognize milled soaps by their hardness and shine. With floating soaps, remember that you are paying for the air that is mixed into them to make them float.

## COFFEE COMING DOWN

Wholesale prices of coffee have been decreased from five to ten cents a pound. Retail prices have been cut accordingly for a number of brands. Compare prices to select those brands on which the price reductions are being passed on to the customer.

## UNION LABEL

With living costs so high you need to take advantage of every available way of getting the best value for your money. Don't pass up one of the surest guides you have to fine quality products—look for the union label on everything you buy.

## FREE LABOR IS VITAL --- IKE

By DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

President of the United States

On this day all Americans once again give thanks that we live in a country which upholds the high belief that every citizen should have the right to seek freely the work he wants to do.

To all the world we have shown the incredible results which can be accomplished in a land where every man can choose the job he wants—any job for which his ability fits him; prepare himself for it; and join freely with his fellow-workers in common effort.

A slave state may force its masses to brutish, endless toil. But it can never produce that deep and tremendous surge of might which comes to a nation when each man knows that he is driving a wedge or plowing a furrow or operating a lathe purely because he is a free man, and that to this endeavor he freely sets his hand.

In this principle lies a true and joyous strength. May we recognize it today with a new conviction.

On March 6, 1836, the Alamo fell with 187 Americans, including Davie Crockett, killed.

## For Shame Herbert Hoover

We think if we had thrown our country into the depths of despair as you did in 1929, we would not accuse an administration, who pulled us out of it of treason. It took all the ingenuity President Roosevelt could muster to do so, and as we mentioned in this issue, it is only the legislation passed during the Democratic Administration that has helped this year. Irresponsible people do not help us out of a dilemma — it takes action and plenty of it. There are many millions of us, who are grateful God gave us Franklin D. Roosevelt.

You did not have to stand in the breadline, but thousands of your constituents did, and they resent your insinuations.

—("Boilermakers' Journal")

## Veto Gobbledegook

Among the bills which Congress passed this year was one giving, what the Wall Street Journal estimated, \$350 million a year in relief to stockholders, and another giving, what President Eisenhower estimated, \$302 million a year in pay raises to post office and classified Government workers.

The President signed the stockholders' bill and killed the pay raise bill. One of the main reasons he vetoed the pay bill, he said, was because no revenue was provided to meet its cost.

But if he had done just the opposite — vetoed the stockholders' bill and signed the pay raise bill — he would have come out \$48 million better, and helped a lot more people who really need help.

## Quote of the Week

"Optimism is sometimes a useful psychological weapon against recession — but providing jobs is a much better weapon."

—Rep. Augustine Kelley (D., Pa.)

## \$15,000 a Day

The House and Senate were in session a combined total of 2,265 hours this year, and their proceedings on the floor filled 14,504 pages of the Congressional Record at an average cost of \$15,000 a day.

The mountain labored.

## JOKES. Etc.

The lady motorist posed for her photograph before the fallen pillars of an ancient temple.

"Don't get the car in the photo," she admonished, "or my husband will say I did it."

A little girl was showing her playmate through her new home.

"And here's my daddy's den," she said. "Does your daddy have a den?"

"No," was the answer, "my daddy just growls all over the house."

## SUBVERSIVE STORY

Visitor addressing an employee at a large government plant in Idaho: "What do you make here?"

Employee: "Horses' heads."

Visitor: "That's interesting. What do you do with them?"

Employee: "Send them to Washington for final assembly."

## ABOUT MARRIAGE

There is probably no other act in a man's life so hot-headed and foolhardy as this one of marriage.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

The man who allows himself to be governed by his wife is neither himself nor his wife; he is nothing.

—Napoleon.

A good deal of misery might be prevented if married people just had the presence of mind to walk away at the right time. — Curtis Yorke.

Tact in a husband is of much

greater and more permanent value than good looks or brains; in a wife it is priceless. — Mabel Barnes-Grundy.

Marriage is like paying an endless visit in your worst clothes.

—J. B. Priestley.

The only real argument for marriage is that it remains the best method for getting acquainted.

—Heywood Brown.

Applying at the accounting department of a railroad for his first job, the recent high school graduate was momentarily stymied by a question on the application blank which read: "What machines can he operate?"

Pausing briefly, he finally wrote: "Slot and pin ball."

The new Sunday School class was made up mostly of three-year-olds. The teacher, testing their knowledge of the Bible, asked:

"Does anyone know who St. John was?" No response.

"Anyone ever heard of St. Mark?" Still no answer.

"Some of you must know of Peter. Who was Peter?"

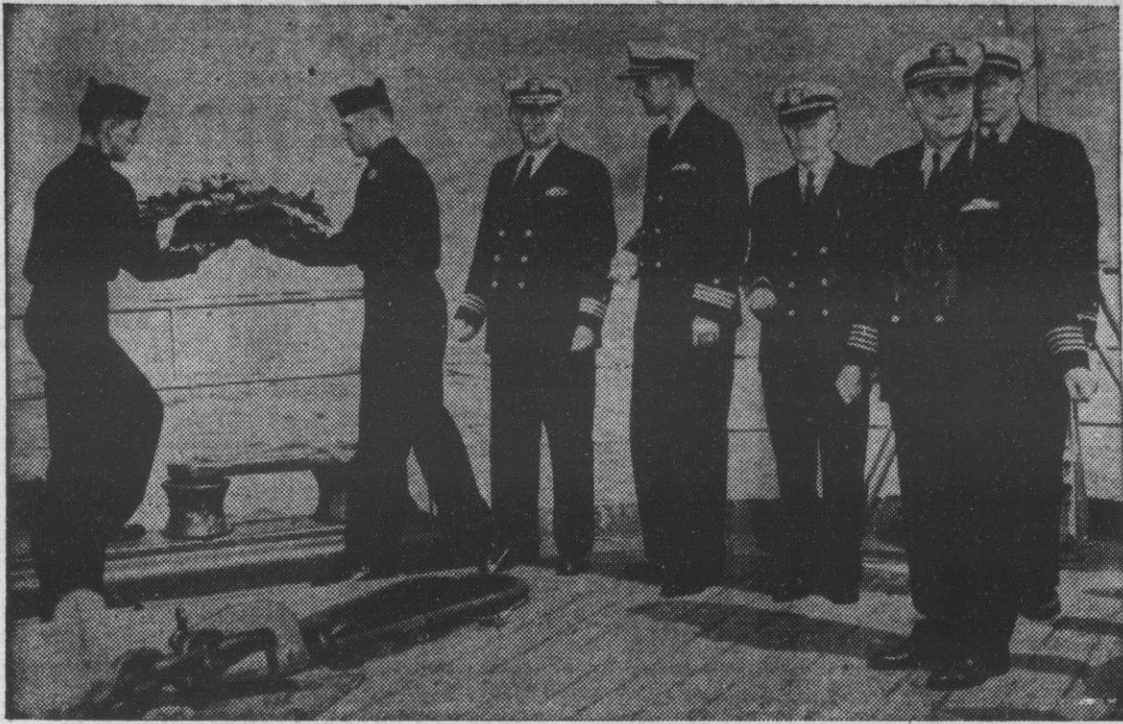
"I fink," lisped a small voice, "he wath a wabbit."

If you are too busy to laugh — you are too busy.

There's no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.



## Training Ship Commemorates Furusetb Anniversary



The Training Ship Empire State dropped a wreath near "Maas" Buoy, off the Hook of Holland, marking the 100th anniversary of Andrew Furusetb, who devoted his life to fighting for the rights of Ameri-

can seamen. At right is Capt. Alfred F. Olivet. The entire Cadet Corps aboard the training ship took part in the ceremony.

## Farmer Is Not Cause of High Cost of Foods

"If you are a city dweller inclined to feel that food prices are out of line, don't blame the farmer, who has more than his share of troubles," declared Rep. Charles R. Howell (D-N.J.).

"Out of each dollar spent by the American housewife for food, 56 cents goes for processing marketing, and transporting charges.

"The farmer receives only 44 cents. Of this amount, 30 cents goes for tractors, trucks, plows, gasoline, fertilizer, and other supplies.

"For his hard work, the farmer has left only 14 cents out of every dollar he receives, and even this small amount is being whittled away. During the past year and a half, the prices New Jersey farmers receive for the products have declined steeply.

### INCOME DOLLARS DOWN

"Figures compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture show the index of prices for all farm products raised in New Jersey (vegetables, fruit, animals, dairy and poultry products) stood at 107.7 for 1952. During 1953 the index dropped sharply to 100.9. Prices have continued to slide during 1954, and in June the index had fallen to 90.6. The total decline in prices our farmers received for products during the past year and a half has been 17.1 per cent.

Howell, a pro-labor member of the House Labor Committee who is running for the United States Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Hendrickson (R), noted also that: **WEAK SPOT IN ECONOMY**

"The troubles of farmers have been aggravated by the fact that retail prices of food and other goods have remained stationary while farm prices have been dropping.

"The farmers find themselves in the uncomfortable position of getting less and less for what they grow, while having to pay the same amount for the things they buy.

"The only alternative open to the farmers is to buy less, and this causes a sharp pinch throughout the economy, because the farmer is the best customer of American industry. When the farmer cuts back on his purchasing, factories start to slow down.

"Farm prices impress me as being one of the two dangerously weak spots in our economy at the present time, the other being manufacturing. . . . Until there are definite signs of upturn in both areas, I do not believe we should be deluded into believing that our economy is in a completely healthy state."

Support the March of Dimes!

## ANALYZES INJURIES TO CULINARY WORKERS

(State Fed. Release)

Each year about 1,500 employees of California hotels, resorts, motels and other lodging places suffer disabling on-the-job injuries, it was announced last week by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the state Department of Industrial Relations.

The state survey covers the first nine months of 1953 and reveals that more than a third of all injuries to workers in the hotel industry were found in the restaurant department.

Practically every culinary occupation was represented in the list of injuries.

Slips or falls represented the type of accident most frequently experienced by restaurant employees, accounting for one out of three lost time injuries.

Many of the falls were suffered by the waiters, waitresses or bus-boys while carrying trays or dishes.

Copies of the report may be obtained by writing M. I. Gershenson, Chief, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 965, San Francisco 1, California.

### ATOMIC ENERGY MEET

Los Angeles (PAI) — Delegates representing 10,000 AFL Machinists will meet Sept. 9 through 11 in Los Alamos, New Mexico in the union's second Atomic Energy Conference, IAM General Vice President Roy M. Brown has announced.

## FOA Briefs Mitchell



H. L. Mitchell, left, president, AFL Agricultural Workers Union, met with FOA labor officials prior to his trip to the Netherlands on an agricultural survey. Next to him is Thomas M. Holleran, chief, Labor Technical Assistance Division, and John K. Meskimen, director, Office of Labor Affairs.

## 'Giveaway' Best Way to Describe Recent Congress

Washington—In all the millions and millions of words that were poured out during the past two years of Congress, one word constantly sticks out.

That word is: "Giveaway."

"Giveaway" is the favorite charge of the Democratic opposition to the Republican answer is that "giveaway" is false and misleading. They describe their program as "restoring to private enterprise," or to the states, areas of the economy in which they feel the Federal Government has no business.

The President, himself, sounded the note when he once called TVA "Creeping Socialism."

Actually, whatever phraseology is used, the record of the 83rd Congress and of the administrative actions of government departments have clearly shown a sharp reversal of the broad policies followed by the Democrats for 20 years. The keynote could be Secretary of Defense Wilson's famous words: "What is good for General Motors is good for the country."

### TIDELANDS STARTED TREND

First of all came the legislation that turned the oil-rich tidelands back to the states. It was here that the word "giveaway" first came into national prominence. In the words of liberal Democrats and a few Republicans, the Federal Government had given away the rights of all the American people to a handful of states. The Republicans took the position that the states were only getting back their own property despite a Supreme Court decision that federal rights in offshore waters were "paramount."

Actually, the tidelands "giveaway" was completely within announced administration policy to get the Federal Government out of "business" and decentralize control from Washington. For the big oil companies that had originally made their contracts with the states, such legislation was a boon.

Of even greater importance than tidelands was the success of the administration in laying the groundwork for turning over the power-producing potential of atomic energy to private interests. The famous 13-day "talkathon" of a group of liberal senators saved important patent and power rights for the public. However, the bill, as finally passed, effectively takes the government out of the public power business so far as large-scale use of the atom is concerned. In effect, it opens the way for a handful of America's biggest corporations to take over the atomic energy power business of the future.

### THE TAX GIVEAWAY

Again, the tax revision bill has been described as a form of gigantic "giveaway" to business and particularly corporate interests. There were a series of small concessions to the mass of taxpayers such as deduction for baby-sitters for working mothers and relief for aged taxpayers, but the overwhelming advantages went to corporations and stockholders.

The dividend tax relief finally voted was especially significant. There was a time when earned income received special tax relief. Now dividend or, as it was once called, unearned income is given relief.

The program of turning over national resources of the Federal Government to private control extends to other fields: the Atomic Energy Bill now permits private ownership of atomic source material found on public lands.

### BARGAINS FOR BUSINESS

The generation and distribution of hydroelectric power by private companies, even where the government builds the huge dams that are needed.

Grazing lands held by the government for watershed protection are drifting into private hands.

War surplus plants, such as those built by the government to produce synthetic rubber, may be sold at bargain prices to private interests.

Forty-million-dollar government plant for producing oil from shale

was sold off at 25 cents on the dollar.

Former President Hoover thinks that TVA should be sold, too, but that hasn't happened. In any event, "getting the government out of business," is making steady progress—whether the process is called a "giveaway" or not.

## 45 TO 65 --- YEARS OF STARVATION!

By L. M. McDONALD  
Tacoma, Wash.

I am a member of Union Labor. No doubt you are familiar with the age discrimination practiced by large numbers of employers in the U.S. As a rule, it is very difficult to secure employment if you are past forty-five or fifty years of age. Yet the "Federal Old Age Benefit" is not payable until age sixty-five.

Just why does not the AFL and CIO set up a Special Joint Committee or Lobby in Washington, D.C., to get the age limit in the "Federal Old Age Benefits" to 55 or 60 years of age? Also set a minimum pension of not less than \$100 a month, with additional sum if one has a wife. With this pension, used with common sense, big gardens, fishing, etc., older citizens could live much better. Let the Joint Committee spend all their time working with Congress to put this over.

We don't need a passive attitude on this matter. We need action! There are various small minority groups in this country organizing to demand that taxpayers give them an exclusive Federal Pension of \$100 per month at age 60. Even Congress voted itself a better pension than we will get payable at age 62. Other cases could be cited. Why the difference? Labor and small businessmen should not take this lying down.

Get all subdivisions of Labor — Locals, Central Labor bodies, State and National Federations of Labor, etc., to go on record demanding the lowering of ages for pensions. Get all the publicity you can. Demand that both the Republican and Democratic Parties' State and National Conventions go on record for lowering pension ages. Set up a giant petition to Congress with millions of signatures demanding the lowering of pension age in "Federal Old Age Benefits."

Promote this plan with every means at your disposal and support any possible Joint AFL and CIO Lobby working for you. There is a variety of ways and means of advertising to support and putting this over. Just push the passive thinking out of way, wherever you contact it, and then ACT. You have got what it takes! Use it!

## Talk and Food

Washington (PAI) — Take it for what you will, here are some more statistics on the 83rd Congress:

Ninety-six senators talked more than 435 House members. The Senate filled 8,853 pages of the Congressional Record while the House only took 5,551. The Senate, incidentally, missed setting a record for hours in session by only 23. The senators talked 1,121 hours.

Outnumbered over four times in members, the House restaurants still cost only \$60,000 compared to \$138,000 for the Senate.



# Monterey County Union Directory

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# FACTORY JOBS HIT BOTTOM!

Washington, (PAI) — American factory workers were being hired at a lower rate in June and July than in the same months in any peacetime year since before 1939, a new report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Dept. of Labor shows.

The rate is 30 per 1,000, compared with 41 per 1,000 last year. At the same time, total separation from jobs at 33 per 1,000 was lower than any July since 1950. The layoff rates remained stable between June and July at 17 per 1,000, higher than 1953 but lower than 1952.

The table below shows how far the July 1954 hiring rate has dropped in comparison with recent years:

1939	42 per 1,000
1947	49 per 1,000
1948	47 per 1,000
1949	35 per 1,000
1950	47 per 1,000
1951	42 per 1,000
1952	44 per 1,000
1953	41 per 1,000
1954	30 per 1,000

Most manufacturing industries, says the BLS, show some decline in hiring over the month with the exception of tobacco, apparel and electrical machinery. However, the declines in the hiring rate in primary metals, transportation equipment, instrument manufacturing, and stone, clay and glass were somewhat less than usually occur at this time of the year.

Work stoppages or seasonal factors were held responsible for the sharp drop in hiring which occurred in lumber, furniture, food (other than canning) and miscellaneous manufacturing industry groups.

The factory layoff rate in most manufacturing industries was in accord with seasonal expectations. However, in several industries reporting declines during the month—furniture, primary metals, electrical machinery, instruments and apparel—layoffs decreased slightly more than usual.

## Viking Ships

Unearthed in 1880, the Gokstad ship gave researchers much evidence of what the structure of the viking ships of 900 years before was like. Based on measurements of the Kokstad relic, they determined that a typical viking ship was 80 feet long, 16 1/2 feet wide and nearly 7 feet deep. There was one 40-foot mast, and on each side of the ship 16 oars projected through holes in the bulwarks.

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## "Taffrail"

Most sailors know about the taffrail log, that spinning fin linked to a registering device which indicates the distance a vessel has sailed, and which is fixed to the taffrail, or more correctly aft rail of the ship. The word apparently became taffrail through confusion over the sound, as it was derived from the Dutch tafereel, meaning a panel or picture, usually extensively carved and detailed. In the old sailing days the name was applied because the upper part of the flat portion of the stern was generally heavily ornamented, with gilded and painted carvings, and it remains right through to the present.

## "Grocer"

The grocer as we know him today is a corner merchant who sells vegetables, canned goods, dairy products and a variety of other food items for home use, sometimes even in a supermarket type of operation. Centuries ago, however, the grocer was actually a wholesaler, and was one who bought and sold in the gross (large quantity). In fact, about the year 1344, in London, the Company of Grocers was incorporated. They were the lordly wholesale dealers in spice and foreign produce who sent the ships and seamen out to import their wares from the East and helped shape early colonial history.

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# HOME FOR A VET IN 1 DAY!

Bob Kennemore, a Marine, lost both legs in the Korean War saving the lives of his buddies. For this he won the Congressional Medal of Honor and the undying gratitude of his fellow Americans.

Oakland AFL tradesmen gave tangible evidence of this gratitude on July 31 when they turned out and built a home for Bob and his family, practically complete in one day. Carpenters from Locals 36, 1473, 1158, 194 and 1149, and Laborers from 304 and Sheet Metal Workers from 216 did the big chore, followed up by other crafts in the finishing work.

Starting at 8 a.m., the volunteers

framed complete, including the roof, 21,000 square feet, under the supervision of Les Olson and Al Thomas of Carpenters Local 36.

Coffee and donuts were served by Oakland chapter of the American Red Cross.

The combined efforts of local union members and their representatives, along with building material firms and generous merchants, and the cooperation of Fred Chopin, contractor, we feel we have partially paid our debt to Robert Kennemore, who sacrificed so much for us.

Organized Labor feels proud to have played a part in building this home for one of our own Oakland distinguished heroes.

## Horses Feet

A horse when either galloping or trotting has all four feet off the ground part of the time. This has been confirmed by photographs and moving pictures of horses in motion. The only exception to this is in what is known as the short trot, which really is not a trotting gait at all.

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## Bread and Butter Facts

## FHA-Insured Dwellings Prove too Costly and Small

By BERT SEIDMAN—AFL Staff Economist

The typical new home financed with a mortgage loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration last year involved a cost 40 percent higher than the average wage earner could afford. Even so, this typical house was much too small for family living requirements.

According to the FHA, the typical new FHA-insured house last year was a single-family, five-room dwelling with 924 square feet of floor space, valued by the FHA at \$10,140. The actual price paid by the purchaser was even higher for as the FHA pointed out, the sales price is almost always more than the FHA valuation.

## WAY BELOW AVERAGE

A family buying a house costing more than \$10,000 is taking on a monthly financial obligation of at least \$100 a month. About two-thirds of this amount will be used to pay off the principal and interest on the mortgage loan, the mortgage insurance premium, fire insurance, taxes and special assessments. The remaining third will be needed for maintenance, repairs and utilities.

The FHA reports that the typical new home buyer in 1953 had an annual income of \$4,880. The average factory wage earner last year had a gross income of about \$3,600 or 36 percent below the average income of FHA home buyers.

Housing experts agree that a family should preferably pay not more than 15 percent of its income for all housing costs, and an absolute maximum of 20 percent. Most families who have to pay more than 20 percent of their income for housing are forced to deprive themselves of necessary food, clothing or other essential cost-of-living items.

At 20 percent of his income, the average wage earner with an annual income of about \$3,600 should pay about \$60 a month for housing, or 40 percent less than the \$100 monthly housing cost for the average FHA-insured home. In fact, even the FHA's typical new home buyer who was reported to have an annual income of \$4,880 will have to pay more than he can afford on his \$10,000 house. This family's monthly housing cost should be held to about \$83, or about one-sixth less than the amount it will have to pay on its typical FHA home.

## SPACE INADEQUATE

Even though it is unduly high-priced, the typical new FHA home with its 924 square feet of floor space, is extremely inadequate to meet the living requirements of families with children. According to the Committee on the Hygiene of Housing of the American Public Health Association, only a couple without children should attempt to live in a housing unit with an area of less than 1,000 square feet. A three-person family should have 1,000 square feet, four persons 1,150, five persons 1,400, six persons 1,500. Thus, by any standard, the typical FHA-insured home was far too small for most American families.

The average figures do not tell the whole story. In 1953 FHA-insured houses valued at \$8000 or less—the ones most wage earners might afford—constituted only 20 percent of all FHA-insured houses. Fully 23.5 percent cost more than \$12,000. It takes an annual income of at least \$7,200 for a family to afford a \$12,000 house.

You might think that it would be cheaper to buy an old house than a new one, but FHA figures indicate that just the opposite is the case. Last year, the older homes financed under the FHA program were typically larger than the new ones, and the purchasers' incomes and the housing expenses which they undertook were all higher than for new homes.

## RENTAL SITUATION WORSE

The situation with regard to rental housing is, if anything, even worse than for housing for sale. The Pittsburgh Housing Associa-

tion has recently published a study of new rental housing available in that area. It is interesting to compare the rents for new apartments in Pittsburgh with the income of workers in its major industry, steel. Last year, the average steel worker had an income of about \$4,400 and therefore could afford no more than \$75 a month for housing. In the entire Pittsburgh area except for 24 one-bedroom apartments, only efficiency apartments were available at a \$75 rent. Most apartments in the Pittsburgh area with two or three bedrooms rented for \$110 and up.

The Pittsburgh story could be repeated all over the country. In nearly all metropolitan areas rents in new apartments are considerably higher than workers can afford. Yet even at sky-high rents, very few rental units are being built. Last year only 135,000 rental-type units were constructed for the entire Nation, only slightly more than 10 percent of total residential construction. Yet, many workers are unable to assume the financial obligation of purchasing a house and are in desperate need of decent accommodations that they can afford to rent.

No matter how you look at it the housing picture is still dark for most workers and other middle-income families. With both sales and rental housing far too expensive for most families, the ones who are forced to buy or rent new housing units do so only at the expense of cutting out other necessary expenditures.

Year after year, the AFL has called upon the Congress to recognize the urgent need of middle-income families for decent housing within their means. Carrying out AFL convention action, federation spokesmen have urged Congress to provide low-cost loans for middle-income housing with priority for loans to cooperatives and other nonprofit corporations. Only an effective middle-income housing program will make possible large-scale construction of houses within the means of most workers.

## Is Maine About to Get a Democratic Governor?

Augusta, Me. (PAI)—"As Maine goes so goes the Nation," is an old political slogan that doesn't always work but is politically important because Maine votes in September while the rest of the nation has to wait until November.

Nobody expects Maine's congressional delegation to be anything but Republican as usual, but old-timers are beginning to wonder if Maine is to have its first Democratic Governor since the election of 1932.

Edmund S. Muskie, a Waterville lawyer, is being given more than a fighting chance against the Republican candidate, Gov. Burton M. Cross, running for reelection. Cross has made a number of enemies within his own party chiefly because he opposed potato price supports in a state where the potato is a highly important crop.

In addition some of his other actions as Governor were unpopular. Republican leaders expect Maine to go Republican alright, but they are worried that a defeat for Cross would have a bad effect on Party morale generally.

## MADE TO ORDER

A youth with a very large mouth walked into a music shop to buy a mouth-organ. He was shown every make of mouth-organ in the shop, but still was not satisfied.

"Look here," said the assistant, "we shall have to measure you for one. Just try your mouth along this piano."

Have you made your voluntary contribution to Labor's League for Political Education,

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## Solid Bay Crossing is Only Solution

"The solid land earthen-and-rock-fill type crossing is the only one which will handle all land traffic including railroads, rapid transit and automobiles, and solve the trans-bay transportation problem for all time," John Reber, author of the Reber Plan, said in a recent talk before the S.F. Commonwealth Club.

"The solid land crossings of the Reber Plan provide dams for water conservation and distribution as well.

One-half of all the water the state owns flows into the ocean, through the Golden Gate, and is forever lost.

The average annual amount of water flowing into the ocean through the gate is the fourth largest volume flowing to the sea within the continental United States. Only the Mississippi and Columbia Rivers, and the 40-mile Mobile River, carry more water to the ocean. It amounts to about 35,000,000 acre feet. This is the equivalent of 12 trillion gallons. This is enough to supply the 2.4 billion people of the world with about 5,000 gallons every year, or 12 gallons every day. Surely this is enough to supply the needs of California.

The 8-point water-supply program of the Reber Plan, is this:

1. Guaranteeing the entire Sacramento Valley all the water it will ever require prior to taking any water whatsoever from the Sacramento Valley for use elsewhere.
2. Supplying the San Francisco Bay Region with all the water ever required for every need for all time.
3. Supplying the seven counties of the San Joaquin Valley with all the water required for full development of every acre in the entire valley.
4. Via a tunnel through the Tehachapis supplying Los Angeles and San Diego with all the water they will ever require.
5. From the Tehachapi tunnel, a 'cut-off' to supply the Ventura and Santa Barbara areas.
6. From the south lake of the Reber Plan, supplying San Benito, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties with all the additional water they will need.
7. Replenishing the underground water basins from which water is pumped, and holding these underground water basins 'full-up.'
8. Providing a wartime guarantee of water no enemy can destroy."

## COST OF LIVING JUMPS AGAIN

The cost of living rose to a near all-time high last month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The rise in July—the third straight month in which living costs increased — to 115.2 percent of the 1947-49 average brought consumer prices of goods and services to within two-tenths of 1 percent of the record high set last October.

The figure also represented a boost of 13.2 percent over living costs just before the Korean war began; 1.3 percent over that of January 1953, when the present Administration took office on a promise to lower the cost of living; one-half of 1 percent over the July 1953 figure; and one-tenth of 1 percent over the June 1954 mark.

Arynness Joy Wickens, acting BLS Commissioner, said the main factor in the July increase was higher food prices. She would not hazard a guess about what the figure for August would show. That will be revealed in late September.

## MARKED

Jack: "Well, did you succeed in making your girl's father toe the mark?"

Tom (sadly): "Yes, but unfortunately, I was the mark."



BQB KENNEMORE, a Marine, lost both legs in Korea saving the lives of his buddies. In appreciation, Oakland AFL building tradesmen turned out and practically in one day erected a fine new home for him and his family, shown here. Clockwise: Philip, 9 months; Ga'l, 2; David, 6; John 9; James, 11; and mother and dad.

## U.S. TO SPEND MILLIONS ON MOBILIZATION

The Government will spend several hundred million dollars this year to insure an adequate mobilization base. Arthur Flemming, Director of Defense Mobilization, ordered production facilities but on a "stand-by" status for immediate resumption of war work.

Initial maintenance will start with items on the Defense Department's "preferential planning list," which includes some 1,000 major military items.

Other agencies which will determine mobilization facilities in their areas of maintenance are the Atomic Energy Commission and the Maritime Administration.

All products to be placed in the mobilization base must meet at least one of the following criteria, laid down by Flemming:

Items requiring a long time between order and delivery, such as new types of aircraft.

Items either not now in production or required in quantities exceeding peacetime production.

Items requiring conversion of an industry or numerous plants within an industry.

Items requiring materials or manufacturing processes essentially different from those in current use.

Items for which industry has little production experience, such as guided missiles.

## "Nonplussed"

When a person is nonplussed, he is in a state of perplexity or puzzlement in which he doesn't know how to proceed or what to say. The word nonplus comes originally from the Latin non plus ultra or ne plus ultra, which meant "let there not be any more sailing beyond" and is said to have been inscribed on the Pillars of Hercules at Gibraltar, beyond which no ship could safely sail. The Pillars of Hercules were the furthestmost limit of safe navigation prior to Columbus.

## Paying Union Wages Profitable, He Says

BURLINGTON, Ia. — After 49 years as a union contractor in the cement construction industry, Herbert P. Carlson is retiring with the full knowledge that paying union wages and working with the union can make a man successful.

"You can make more money by paying good wages," he said, "and cooperating with the labor union. I have found it necessary to fire only one employee during my entire experience."

The elderly contractor had this to say about paying good wages:

"I have always been willing and able to meet the union wage scale, and found out that well paid men make the best citizens. I have always had capable men in my employ, and I ascribe my good fortune to my willingness to cooperate with them in every respect as related to the job."

## A. F. of L. UNIONS EYE ELECTIONS

New York City. — Members of AFL unions are showing an even more active interest in the Congressional elections this year than they did in the last Presidential election, George Meany, AFL president, reported here.

Following a meeting of Labor's League for Political Education, Meany said that James L. McDevitt, LLPE director, reported that contributions to the league were running about 60 percent ahead of the previous top collection year.

The increased contributions, said Meany, show that labor is becoming more aware of the importance of the Congress, and of seeing that the right men are chosen.

There is a good chance, he said, of electing an entirely new and better Congress this Fall.

LAWYERS PROVIDING fines and imprisonment for strikers preventing other persons from working were passed in Illinois and Minnesota.



# Labor News

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1954

## Profits Rise, Sales Drop

New York City—The Wall Street Journal, confirming a story in the AFL News-Reporter, reported that elimination of the excess profits tax which expired last Dec. 31 is a major reason corporate profits this year have risen despite lower sales.

"The importance of its disappearance," said the Journal, "is illustrated by (second-quarter) reports of 56 industrial concerns which published detailed reports. Their aggregate sales of over \$8.3 billion for the quarter were down 7.2 percent. Their earnings, before taxes,

were \$1,175,000,000, down 19.6 percent from a year ago. But their net after taxes, amounting to \$577 million, was up \$72.2 million, or 14.3 percent."

The News-Reporter had previously published an article saying, "Even though sales by America's leading manufacturers are generally lower than last year, their net profit picture is as good or better than 1953 as a result of the repeal of the excess profits tax, payroll cuts and lower prices for materials."

## Bureaucracy "costly... Irritating"

Outworn practices in unemployment benefit payments, which, because they required claimants to fill out vari-colored cards, were known as "Operation Rainbow," have been abolished. Unemployed workers will not in future be obliged to list all the employers approached during the week.

This system was both costly and a constant source of irritation to employers as well as claimants," according to William A. Burkett, director of the California Department of Employment.

The requirement that claimants list all places where they looked for work will henceforth be eliminated and will cut interviewing time by about one-third.

Better cooperation between the Department of Employment and labor unions is also insured since union members who normally obtain employment through their unions are authorized to have their efforts to find a job certified to by the union.

Civilian employment in July was up to 4,942,000, the highest of any month this year but 51,000 under the employment figure for July a year ago. In June the total employment figure was 4,927,000.

The increase of 15,000 in the

workers' ranks in June included gains in all major industry groups except in the government, according to Paul Scharrenberg, director of the Department of Industrial Relations. Unemployment dropped by 7,000 to a total of 236,000, mainly because of an upswing in seasonal industries. A year ago California unemployment figure was 173,000.

The Farm Placement Service has been awarded the status of a separate division of the Department of Employment, effective this month, according to director Burkett.

All farm labor offices and most of the farm placement desks in other department offices will be under the direct supervision of Edward F. Hayes, chief of farm placement, district supervisors and local farm placement representatives.

Farmers and farmhands will be able to receive more direct employment service under the new arrangement. "We are geared to meet the needs of a two and a half billion dollar industry and more than a half million farm workers in California... the nation's top agricultural state," says Burkett.

A 1787 resolution authorized an Army of 700 men.

## 'Move Over and Let's See the Record'



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Love this story making the rounds just now: Seems that friends were seeking a man named John Sexauer, without success, when someone thought of calling the union office for information. The office girl was asked: "Do you have a Sexauer there?" Quick as a flash she came back: "Nope, we don't even get a 'coffee break'!"

That tale from Dayton, Ohio, about the man who claimed a bingo game prize of \$1975 at a theatre, only to wind up in jail—because the theatre manager noticed that the claim ticket had no union label and the forgery was detected forthwith—has almost a counterpart nearby. We hear that the group hoping to bring next year's state AFL convention to San Jose lost their bid for the convention—after it was noted that literature passed out did not contain a union label. TWO (not just one!) good reasons for being union label conscious!

San Mateo County Building Trades Council didn't meet on Aug. 26 after all, despite the scheduled meeting. About 18 delegates arrived—to find the hall locked up and no records available. It seems that all key officers were at conventions and no one remembered that the council would need a hall, record books, minutes, the gavel, etc.

Next time you lathers see Earl Halyorson, secretary of the Golden Gate District Council and head of the Lathers Welfare Fund for that area, ask him about the two dollar straw hat he bought two years ago, worn frequently, and slept upon during the State Federation of Labor convention—then dampened, pressed back into shape, and ready for another two years. Earl says he can't buy a new one now—wouldn't be fair to the maker of this one!

Noted somewhere that the National Labor Relations Board is getting widespread notoriety for its relaxation of early rules. Paper in Pennsylvania comes up with the suggestion that the name of the National Labor Relations Board be changed to "National Employer Relations Board." (No comment!)

Always have liked this old Arab-

## PEOPLE HARD HIT BY IKE'S REGIME

Detroit—Walter P. Reuther, president of the Auto Workers, charged that the Republican Administration's aid-to-big-business program has had "tragic economic results" for the great majority of the people.

"Prices and profits continue to increase while production, employment and purchasing power in the hands of the people continue to decrease," Reuther said.

While the latest increase in the cost-of-living index means a one-cent an hour wage boost for about one million CIO Auto Workers, "it means shrunken savings and a wage cut for millions of other American workers and those on pensions and other fixed incomes..." Reuther added.

The Labor Department reported last week that the cost-of-living index had risen to 115.2. The all-time high was 115.4 last October.

"A few of the elementary economic facts that must be reckoned with courageously and honestly," Reuther said, "are: employment in manufacturing industry has declined by 1,675,000 jobs during the past 12 months; 141 American communities and labor areas have unemployment in excess of 6 per cent; 46 of these communities have unemployment in excess of 12 per cent."

Reuther said that, at a time when farmers cannot buy as much industrial products as they need and city workers cannot buy as much farm products as they would

like, the need is for an increase and not a decrease in purchasing power. He called for full utilization of the nation's labor force.

## Cole Named Advisor on Atomic Labor Problems

Washington.—David Cole, former director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and umpire under the no-raiding agreement between the AFL and CIO, was named chairman of an advisory group on labor-management problems in the atomic energy field.

Secretary of Labor James Mitchell, who made the appointment, said Cole will head a five-man committee to study the role of the Government in Labor-Management relations at atomic plants owned by the Government but operated by private firms. He will recommend improvements in the procedures for settling disputes.

Other members of the committee will be appointed on Cole's recommendation.

## Plant Shutdown Will Boost Firm's Profit

American Steel Foundries has announced it will shut down its Newark, N.J., plant by Oct. 31 unless it finds a buyer.

About 240 workers will lose their jobs if the plant is closed. But, the company president said, elimination of the plant should improve the company's earnings.

The Chicago firm operates 19 other plants in 13 states and one in Canada and has a total payroll of 7,500.

Company President Charles C. Jarechow said the Newark operation has not provided a sufficient profit return on the investment, "primarily because the market of the area will not support a satisfactory volume."

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